

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): A surgical device for treating urinary incontinence, comprising: a  
needle comprising a curved portion;  
a dilator coupled to an end of the needle; and  
a sling coupled to an end of the dilator;  
wherein a width of the dilator increases from a first end of the dilator towards a second  
end of the dilator, and  
wherein the dilator is about 0.5 centimeters to about 4 centimeters in width at the second  
end of the dilator.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the dilator comprises  
a tapered leading edge.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the dilator is  
substantially cylindrical and tapered at one end.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein an outer  
circumference of the dilator increases from a first end of the dilator towards a second end of the  
dilator.

Claims 28-29 (cancelled)

Claim 30 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein a width of the dilator  
is larger than a width of the needle.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the sling comprises a  
material selected from the group consisting of a natural material, a synthetic material, and a  
combination of a natural material and a synthetic material.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The surgical device of claim 24, wherein the sling is about  $\pm 0.5$   
centimeters to about  $\pm 4$  centimeters in width.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 24 further comprising a tether, wherein the tether couples the needle to the dilator.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 33, wherein the tether is selected from the group consisting of a wire, a suture, and a portion of the sling.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The surgical device of claim 24, ~~wherein further comprising a pouch attached to the dilator~~ attaches to a pouch.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The surgical device of claim 24, ~~wherein further comprising a pouch releasably attached~~ attaches to the sling.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The surgical device of claim 24, ~~wherein further comprising a pouch, wherein encapsulates the sling is encapsulated within the pouch~~.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 37, wherein the pouch is made of a low friction material.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 37, wherein the pouch is substantially flat.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The surgical device of claim 37, wherein the pouch is translucent.

Claims 41-56 (cancelled)